



## Sweltering temperatures bring misery to large portion of central U.S.

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Sweltering temperatures lingered Sunday in a large swath of the central U.S., causing misery from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes.

Record high temperatures were recorded in Texas and other states. People were told to chug extra water while mowing lawns or exercising outdoors, and to check on neighbors to ensure air conditioning is available. The extreme heat prompted Texas' electric power grid manager to ask residents to voluntarily conserve power for three hours on Sunday night.

"These high temperatures can impact our friends, families, and neighbors who may live alone, especially if they limit their use of air conditioning," Sarah Russell, commissioner for the St. Louis Emergency Management Agency, said in a statement. "We urge everyone to stop and visit loved ones to ensure they are healthy and well during this extreme heat."

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Police Officer James Rhodes uses a wet towel to cool off as he directs traffic after a sporting event in Arlington, Texas, Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023.

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The Dallas-Fort Worth area was expected to reach 110 F (43.3 C) Sunday after hitting 108 F (42.2 C) Saturday, said Sarah Barnes, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The record high for those dates was 107 F (41.7 C), set in 2011.

The area is not cooling off enough at night, Barnes said.

"That's really going to contribute to an increased risk of heat-related illnesses," Barnes said Sunday. "That's the main concern when it comes to people and the heat."

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, on Sunday asked the state's 30 million residents to vol-



**A man overlooks downtown Phoenix at sunset atop South Mountain, Sunday, July 30, 2023. Phoenix hit its 31st consecutive day of at least 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 Celsius).**

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untarily reduce power use from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. CDT because of "extreme temperatures, continued high demand and unexpected loss of thermal generation." ERCOT's request for volun-

tary power conservation was the second such request in the past three days. The agency said it was not in emergency operations. Many residents still view the power grid nervously

more than 2.5 years after a deadly winter blackout. The heat wave causing misery this weekend is just the latest to punish the U.S. this year.

Scientists have long warned that climate change, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, by deforestation and by certain agricultural practices, will lead to more and prolonged bouts of extreme weather, including hotter temperatures.

The entire globe has simmered to record heat both in June and July. And if that's not enough, smoke from wildfires, floods and droughts have caused problems globally.

The National Weather Service set an excessive heat warning Sunday for parts of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. Heat advisories or watches were also in place in parts of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota.

Tourism in New Orleans often slows during the peak of summer heat, and that's happening as temperatures approach 100 F (37.8 C). NOLA Poboys is closing two days a week for now, said Lucas McQueen, one of the restaurant's chefs. "I can't wait to be complaining about being cold," McQueen told WWL-TV.

The temperature reached a record high for the date of 104 F (40 C) Saturday in Jackson, Mississippi, as people walked between indoor and outdoor events at the Mississippi Book Festival. Volunteers distributed chilled water, and people used handheld fans while chatting with authors and shopping for books at large tents outside the state Capitol building.

Houston on Sunday added to its ongoing streak of high temperatures at or above 100 F (37.8 C). Through Sunday, the high temperature in Houston has been at least 100 F for 22 days. Sunday's high was 108 F (42.2 C), breaking a record for the date that goes back to 1909. The stifling heat in Texas overwhelmed people

taking part in orientation for new students at Prairie View A&M University, 48 miles (77 kilometers) northwest of Houston. University officials said they were reviewing operations after 38 students were hospitalized Friday night after suffering heat-related illnesses, including dehydration. One student was taken by helicopter to a hospital in nearby College Station, while 37 were taken in ambulances to other facilities, Waller County EMS Chief Rhonda Getschman told KBTX.

"It's very easy to overheat quickly in this Texas heat. We highly encourage everyone to stay indoors as much as possible," Getschman said.

Much of Iowa is expected to see high temperatures in the upper 90s Sunday and Monday, followed by three days where the reading will likely top 100 F (37.8 C).

The heat was worrisome for Sunday as thousands were expected for the final day of the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. In a Facebook post, fair officials urged patrons to visit air-conditioned buildings, take regular breaks and stay hydrated.

Forecasters expected high temperatures to reach 99 F (37.2 C) to 103 F (39.4 C) through Friday in St. Louis, and the heat's only part of the problem: Excessive humidity will lead to a heat index of up to 115 F (46.1 C) each day. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that if the prediction holds, it will be the worst stretch of heat in St. Louis since August 2014, when temperatures rose to about 95 F (35 C) for seven straight days.

Similar heat is expected all week in Little Rock, Arkansas, prompting the community to open several cooling centers for people who live on the streets or without air conditioning.

Last month, the Phoenix area broiled under a record-setting 31 days of daily high temperatures of 110 F (43.4 C) or above. The historic heat began blasting the region in June, stretching from Texas across New Mexico and Arizona and into California's desert. □

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## Court documents suggests reason for police raid of Kansas newspaper

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

The police chief who led the raid of a Kansas newspaper alleged in previously unreleased in court documents that a reporter either impersonated someone else or lied about her intentions when she obtained the driving records of a local business owner.

But reporter Phyllis Zorn, Marion County Record Editor and Publisher Eric Meyer and the newspaper's attorney said Sunday that no laws were broken when Zorn accessed a public state website for information on restaurant operator Kari Newell.

The raid carried out Aug. 11 and led by Marion Police Chief Gideon Cody brought international attention to the small central Kansas town that now finds itself at the center of a debate over press freedoms. Police seized computers, personal cellphones and a router from the newspaper, but all items were released Wednesday after the county prosecutor concluded there wasn't enough evidence to justify the action. Late Saturday, the Record's attorney, Bernie Rhodes, provided copies of the affidavits used in the raid to The Associated Press and other news media. The documents that had previously not been released. They showed that Zorn's



A stack of the latest weekly edition of the Marion County Record sits in the back of the newspaper's building, awaiting unbundling, sorting and distribution, Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, in Marion, Kan. Associated Press

obtaining of Newell's driving record was the driving force behind the raid.

The newspaper, acting on a tip, checked the public website of the Kansas Department of Revenue for the status of Newell's driver's license as it related to a 2008 conviction for drunk driving.

Cody wrote in the affidavit that the Department of Revenue told him that those who downloaded the information were Record reporter Phyllis Zorn and someone using the name "Kari Newell." Cody wrote that he contacted Newell who said "someone

obviously stole her identity."

As a result, Cody wrote: "Downloading the document involved either impersonating the victim or lying about the reasons why the record was being sought." The license records are normally confidential under state law, but can be accessed under certain circumstances, cited in the affidavit. The online user can request their own records but must provide a driver's license number and date of birth.

The records may also be provided in other instances, such as to lawyers for use in a legal matter; for insur-

ance claim investigations; and for research projects about statistical reports with the caveat that the personal information won't be disclosed.

Meyer said Zorn actually contacted the Department of Revenue before her online search and was instructed how to search records. Zorn, asked to respond to the allegations that she used Newell's name to obtain Newell's personal information, said, "My response is I went to a Kansas Department of Revenue website and that's where I got the information."

She added, "Not to my knowledge was anything illegal or wrong."

Rhodes, the newspaper's attorney, said Zorn's actions were legal under both state and federal laws. Using the subject's name "is not identity theft," Rhodes said. "That's just the way of accessing that person's record."

The newspaper had Newell's driver's license number and date of birth because a source provided it, unsolicited, Meyer said. Ultimately, the Record decided not to write about Newell's record. But when she revealed at a subsequent City Council meeting that she had driven while her license was suspended, that was reported.

The investigation into whether the newspaper broke state laws continues, now led by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. State Attorney General Kris Kobach has said he doesn't see the KBI's role as investigating the conduct of the police.

Some legal experts believe the Aug. 11 raid violated a federal privacy law that protects journalists from having their newsrooms searched. Some also believe it violated a Kansas law that makes it more difficult to force reporters and editors to disclose their sources or unpublished material. □

## Navy shipbuilders' union approves 3-year labor pact at Bath Iron Works

**BATH, Maine (AP)** — The largest union at Navy shipbuilder Bath Iron Works in Maine overwhelmingly approved a new three-year contract, the union said Sunday, averting another strike like the one three years ago that contributed to delays in delivering ships. The contract, which takes effect Monday, raises pay a range of 2.6% to 9.6% in the first year with differences due to a mid-contract wage adjustment that already took effect for some workers, and will be followed by a 5% increase in

the second year and 4% increase in the third. Workers are receiving an increase in contributions to their national pension plan while health insurance costs will grow. Machinists' Union Local S6, which represents about 4,200 production workers, touted the biggest pay raises by percentage since the union's founding in the 1950s.

"Local S6 would like to thank you for your vote and support as we continue to advocate for our members' best interests and uphold the contract with the

utmost dedication," union leaders said to members in a post on their Facebook page Sunday.

Bath Iron Work also hailed the deal. "This agreement represents our desire to continue working together to deliver the Navy's ships on time to protect our nation and our families," the company said in a statement. "We appreciate our employees' participation in the process. Training and implementation of the new elements of the contract begin this week."

Workers represented by the



A shipyard worker, below center, walks to his car at the end of a workday at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

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union approved the pact with 76% supporting the deal in online voting that began on Friday and concluded Sunday afternoon, officials said.

The tenor of negotiations

was positive with both sides agreeing at the outset there would be no attempt to reinstate subcontracting provisions that triggered a strike in 2020 in the middle of the pandemic. □



# California's big bloom aids seed collectors as wildfires threaten desert species

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

**JOSHUA TREE, Calif. (AP) —**

Flowers that haven't been seen in years bloomed across Southern California this spring after massive winter downpours, creating not only colorful landscapes but a boon for conservationists eager to gather desert seeds as an insurance policy against a hotter and drier future.

In the Mojave Desert, seeds from parish goldeneye and brittlebush are scooped up by staff and volunteers working to build out seed banks in the hope these can be used in restoration projects as climate change pressures desert landscapes. Already this summer, the York Fire burned across the Mojave National Preserve, charring thousands of acres in the fragile ecosystem including famed Joshua trees.

"This definitely highlights the importance of proactive seed banking as a fire management tool and how challenging it can be to keep up with the fire threats," said Cody Hanford, joint executive director of the Mojave Desert Land Trust. Wildfires across the West can be deadly and wreak havoc on local



**Madena Asbell, director of plant conservation programs at the Mojave Desert Land Trust, collects seeds to preserve desert plants after the winter's historic rains, Wednesday, June 12, 2023, in the Mojave Desert near Joshua Tree, Calif.**

communities, with residents forced to evacuate and homes turned to ash. But they also can destroy large tracts of land and wildlife habitat in places such as the Mojave Desert, where they are becoming more commonplace due in part to the spread of invasive grasses prone to burning quickly, fueling flames, experts said. Seeds long have been banked throughout the United States in a wide

range of habitats. Initially, they were collected as a way to preserve rare and exotic plant species, but efforts now also focus on gathering from commonly-found plants that are increasingly in demand as climate change elevates the risk of wildfires and the growth of invasive species that can crowd out native vegetation.

Hanford said it's too soon to know what restora-

tion might be needed in the Mojave National Preserve, where firefighters have largely contained the blaze. But fires like these encourage the land trust, which buys desert land for conservation, to expand its seed collection efforts, sending staff and volunteers out to gather seeds, clean and jar them for storage. The process is manual and time-consuming. In Joshua Tree, California,

volunteers head out on hiking trails when flowers are blooming to chart where plants are located and return to collect seeds when they are ready to harvest, said Madena Asbell, the land trust's director of plant conservation programs.

The seeds are placed in paper bags or buckets, taken back and cleaned by hand or using an air-blowing device that removes chaff so they can be stored by the thousands in neatly labeled jars in refrigerators.

Asbell said her organization is ramping up collection thanks to grant funding and just as the rainy winter led plants like paper bag bush to bloom for the first time in years.

"2019 was the last wet year we had," she said.

Seed banking efforts are underway across the country through a program aimed at putting seeds into long-term storage and using them for projects aimed at bolstering restoration. Funding for the federal Bureau of Land Management's program has increased in recent years, though demand for seeds to restore lands burned by wildfire or wildlife habitat far outstrips the supply, experts said. □

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**The Starbucks sign is displayed in the window of a Pittsburgh Starbucks, Jan. 30, 2023.**

Associated Press

**CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) —** A judge has ordered Starbucks to pay an additional \$2.7 million in lost wages and tax damages to a former regional manager who was earlier awarded more than \$25 million af-

ter alleging she and other white employees were unfairly punished following the high-profile arrests of two Black men at a store in 2018.

In June, Shannon Phillips won \$600,000 in compen-

## Starbucks told to pay \$2.7 million in lost wages to manager fired after arrest of 2 Black men

satory damages and \$25 million in punitive damages after a jury in New Jersey found that race was a determinative factor in Phillips' firing, in violation of federal and state anti-discrimination laws. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that U.S. district judge Wednesday ordered Starbucks to pay Phillips another \$2.73 million in past and future lost earnings and benefits as well as compensation for tax disadvantages due to the lump sum, according to court documents. The company opposed pay-

ing any amount, saying Philipps had not proven she couldn't have earned the same or more in the future. In April 2018, a Philadelphia store manager called police on two Black men who were sitting in the coffee shop without ordering anything. Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson were later released without charges. Phillips, then regional manager of operations in Philadelphia, southern New Jersey, and elsewhere, was not involved with arrests. However, she said she was ordered to put a white

manager who also wasn't involved on administrative leave for reasons she knew were false, according to her lawsuit.

Phillips, 52, said she was fired less than a month later after objecting to the manager being placed on leave amid the uproar, according to her lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleged Starbucks was instead taking steps to "punish white employees" who worked in the area "in an effort to convince the community that it had properly responded to the incident." □



# A tanker believed to hold sanctioned Iran oil starts offloading near Texas

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — An American-owned oil tanker long suspected of carrying sanctioned Iranian crude oil offloaded its cargo near Texas on Sunday, tracking data showed, even as Tehran has threatened to target shipping in the Persian Gulf over it.

Ship-tracking data analyzed by The Associated Press showed the Marshall Islands-flagged Suez Rajan began the hourslong ship-to-ship transfer of its oil to another tanker, the MR Euphrates, near Galveston, some 70 kilometers (45 miles) southeast of Houston.

The fate of the cargo aboard the Suez Rajan has become mired in the wider tensions between the U.S. and the Islamic Republic, even as Tehran and Washington work toward a trade of billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets in South Korea for the release of five Iranian-Americans held in Tehran. Iran has been trying to evade sanctions and continue selling its oil abroad, while the U.S. and its allies have been seizing cargoes since 2019 after the country's nuclear deal allowing the trade collapsed.

Already, Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard has warned that those involved in offloading the Suez Rajan's cargo "should expect to be struck back." The U.S. Navy has increased its presence steadily in recent weeks in the Mideast, sending the troop-and-aircraft-carrying USS Bataan through the Strait of Hormuz in recent days and considering putting armed personnel on commercial ships traveling through the strait to stop Iran from seizing additional ships.

U.S. officials and the owners of the Suez Rajan, the Los Angeles-based private equity firm Oaktree Capital Management, did not respond to requests for comment.

The saga over the Suez Ra-



This image provided by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard via Tasnim News Agency on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, shows the USS Bataan at the Strait of Hormuz, in the mouth of the Persian Gulf. Associated Press

jan began in February 2022, when the group United Against Nuclear Iran said it suspected the tanker carried oil from Iran's Khargh Island, its main oil distribution terminal in the Persian Gulf. For months, the ship sat in the South China Sea off the northeast coast of Singapore before suddenly sailing for the Gulf of Mexico without explanation. Analysts believe the vessel's cargo likely has been seized by American officials, though there still were no public court documents early Sunday involving the Suez Rajan.

In the meantime, Iran has seized two tankers near the Strait of Hormuz, including one with cargo for U.S. oil major Chevron Corp. In July, the top commander of the Revolutionary Guard's naval arm threatened further action against anyone offloading the Suez Rajan, with state media linking the recent seizures to the cargo's fate.

"We hereby declare that we would hold any oil company that sought to unload our crude from the vessel responsible and we also hold America responsible," Rear Adm. Alireza Tangsiri said at the time. "The era of hit and run is over, and if they hit, they should expect to be struck back."

Iran's mission to the United Nations did not respond to a request for comment over the offloading of the Suez Rajan. The state-run IRNA news agency acknowledged this AP story, but did not elaborate. Western-backed naval organiza-

tions in the Persian Gulf in recent days also warned of an increased risk of ship seizures from Iran around the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers saw it regain the ability to sell oil openly on the international market. But in 2018, then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew from the accord and re-imposed American sanctions. That slammed the door on much of Iran's lucrative crude oil trade, a major engine for its economy and its government. It also began a cat-and-mouse hunt for Iranian oil cargo — as well as series of escalating attacks attributed to Iran since 2019.

The delay in offloading the Suez Rajan's cargo had become a political issue as well for the Biden administration as the ship had sat for months in the Gulf of Mexico, possibly due to companies being worried about the threat from Iran. In a letter dated Wednesday, a group of Democratic and Republican U.S. senators asked the White House for an update on what was happening with the ship's cargo, estimated to be worth some \$56 million. They said the money could go toward the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund, which compensates those affected by the Sept. 11 attacks, the 1979 Iran hostage crisis and other militant assaults.

"We owe it to these American families to enforce our sanctions," the letter read. Republican Sen. Joni Ernst

of Iowa, one of the letter's co-signers, said in a statement Sunday that "no foreign adversary should question America's strength."

"To ensure this never happens again, the Biden administration must enforce our existing sanctions, stop greenlighting the (Guard's) terrorism and hostage 'diplomacy' and end this posture of appeasement to a nation that chants 'death to America,'" she said.

The U.S. Treasury has said Iran's oil smuggling revenue supports the Quds Force, the expeditionary unit of the Revolutionary Guard that operates across the Mideast.

Claire Jungman, the chief of staff at United Against Nuclear Iran, praised the transfer finally happening.

"By depriving the (Guard) of crucial resources, we strike a blow against terrorism that targets not only American citizens but also our global allies and partners," Jungman told the AP. On Sunday, Iranian state media released a video dated Thursday that showed the USS Bataan with small Guard fast boats trailing it as it traveled through the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of the world's oil passes. One portion appeared to have been taken from a drone above the Bataan, while another claimed that the Guard hailed the Bataan over the radio and threatened to "open fire" on an American helicopter if it entered Iranian airspace.

Cmdr. Rick Chernitzer, a spokesman for the U.S. Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, acknowledged to the AP that the Bataan had transited through the strait in recent days. A photograph earlier released by the Navy showed F-35 fighter jets providing cover for the Bataan and the USS Carter Hall, a landing ship accompanying it.

"The U.S. Navy will continue to fly and sail where international law allows," Chernitzer said. □

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# Global aid official appeals for funds to help Sudanese trapped in war between generals

By **SAMY MAGDY**  
Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — A global aid official urged the international community Sunday to provide more funds to help Sudanese citizens trapped by a monthslong military conflict between rival generals in the African nation.

Jagan Chapagain, the secretary-general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said his organizations have received only 7% of the \$45 million they appealed for to help those inside Sudan. The war pits the military against the powerful paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

"The needs are real," he told The Associated Press in an interview in Cairo. "Sudanese people need urgent support, urgent solidarity and urgent interest."

Sudan was plunged into chaos in April when simmering tensions between the military, led by Abdel Fattah Burhan, and the RSF, commanded by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, exploded into open fighting in the capital, Khartoum, and elsewhere.

The conflict has turned Khartoum and other urban areas into battlefields. Many residents live without water and electricity, and the country's health



**Jagan Chapagain, Secretary-General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Beirut, Lebanon, Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023.**

Associated Press

care system has nearly collapsed. The sprawling region of Darfur saw some of the worst bouts of violence in the conflict, and the fighting there has morphed into ethnic clashes with RSF and allied Arab militia targeting ethnic African communities.

Clashes also intensified earlier this month in the provinces of South Kordofan and West Kordofan. A rebel group attacked Kadugli, the provincial capital of South Kordofan and clashed with the military,

killing and displacing civilians, according to the U.N. mission in Sudan.

In al-Fula, the provincial capital of West Kordofan, fighting erupted for days between the military and the RSF before local officials helped stop the clashes, the U.N. mission, known as UNITAMS, said Sunday. But government offices, banks and the offices of the U.N. and other aid agencies were looted, it said.

More than 3.4 million people were forced to flee their homes to safer areas

inside Sudan, according to the United Nations' migration agency.

Over a million crossed into neighboring countries, including Egypt, Chad, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Central African Republic, the agency added.

Chapagain called for the international community to show the same solidarity with Sudanese people they showed last year when they rushed to help those who fled Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"I see the humanitarian side

of the Ukraine is a good example. That's how the world community can come together. We need a similar solidarity for Sudan now," he said.

Along with the \$45 million needed to help those inside Sudan, Chapagain said another \$35 million is needed to provide assistance to those who fled the fighting to Sudan's neighboring countries.

His comments came following a trip to the Egyptian border with Sudan, where he met with customs officials and Sudanese refugees who fled the fighting in Khartoum. Egypt received more than 272,000 Sudanese as of Aug. 1, according to official figures.

Although the operations at the Egyptian side of the border were organized, he said, there were long lines for people on the Sudanese side waiting to be allowed into Egypt. He said between 400 and 600 people are crossing daily into Egypt compared to thousands in the first weeks of the war.

The Egyptian government had allowed women and children to cross without visas in the first weeks of the war, but in June it began requiring visas for all Sudanese citizens despite objections from activists and rights groups. □



**A banner emblazoned with an image of Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega is waved by a supporter in Managua, Nicaragua, April 30, 2018.**

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The U.S. State Department on Saturday imposed visa restrictions on 100 more Nicaraguan officials for their role

in supporting the regime of President Daniel Ortega. Secretary of State Antony Blinken wrote in his social media accounts that his of-

## U.S. cancels visas of 100 more Nicaraguan officials for their role in 'undermining democracy'

fice "has taken steps to impose visa restrictions on 100 Nicaraguan officials who restrict Nicaraguans' human rights and undermine democracy."

"We call on the regime to unconditionally and immediately release Bishop Álvarez and all those unjustly detained," Blinken wrote.

Bishop Rolando Álvarez, an outspoken critic of the Nicaraguan government, was jailed by the Ortega regime for supposedly helping anti-government pro-

testers. He was sentenced to 26 years in prison, after he refused to board a plane carrying exiles to the United States in February. Ortega jailed dozens of opposition figures in order to win a fourth consecutive term in 2021 elections that were broadly criticized as a farce. He has also outlawed dozens of nongovernmental organizations.

Since then, dozens of opponents have been tried or convicted in brief trials on vague charges equivalent

to treason.

The State Department had previously pulled the visas of top Nicaraguan officials, as well as judges who convicted the opposition leaders and legislators who had cooperated in banning NGOs and civic groups.

It previously imposed visa restrictions on 116 individuals linked to the Ortega regime, "including mayors, prosecutors, university administrators, as well as police, prison, and military officials." □





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Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamentu, Papiamentu is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise

blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

### Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken world war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your



snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

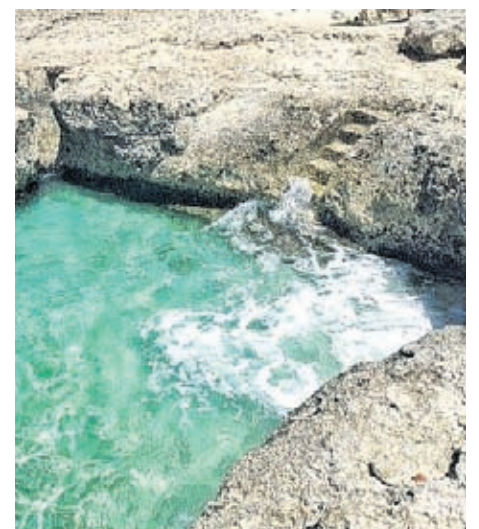
### Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many underwater wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

### Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west

part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven. □







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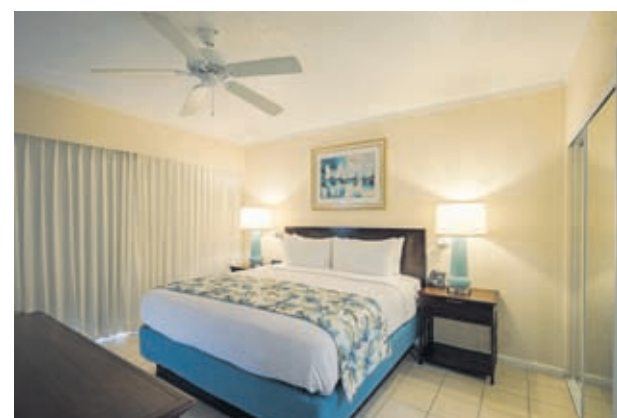
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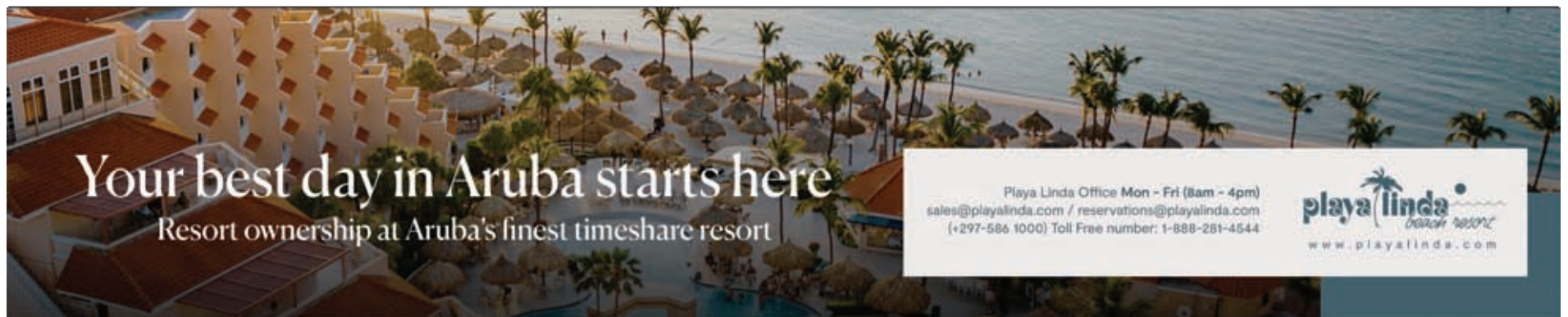
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## Alto Vista chapel and its link to Aruba's origins

As they were very religious, they had a chief with the name of Antonio Silvester who guided them in the Christian life and it was he who decided to build a stone chapel with a roof of corn rods, which would serve as a place of prayer. In 1750 it was blessed by Father Algemesi who came from Coro-Venezuela and appointed Domingo Antonio Silvester as the island's first prosecutor in the name of the Spanish crown and Rome. In 1752 the prosecution passed into the hands of Antonio Silvester's son-in-law, Miguel Álvarez, who continued to guide the parishioners in their prayers.

According to the book, The History of Alto Vista by R.H. Nooyen, it is not known when Domingo Antonio Silvester came to Aruba from



Venezuela. The elders believe Antonio was a Spaniard. In 1780, father Joseph Antonio de la Vegal called Bernardino Silvester, one of Antonio's sons with his wife Anna Cathalina Tromp, "neighbors and naturals of the island Aruba" and thus they became natives.

At the end of the eighteen

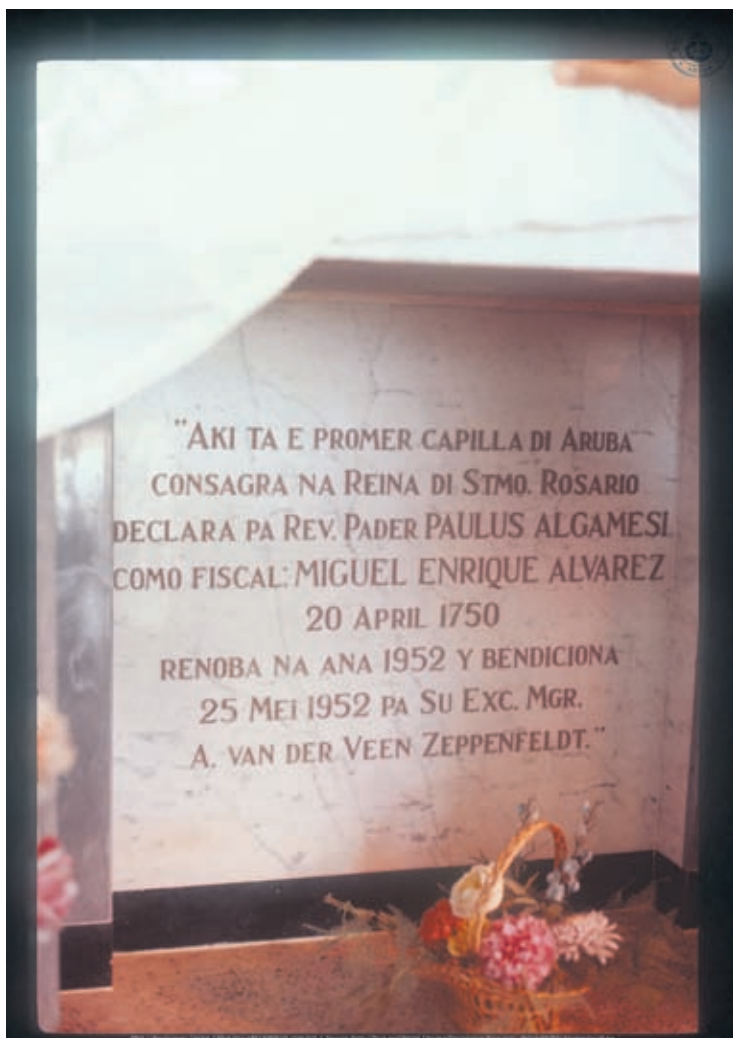
century many inhabitants the island died as a result of the black fever epidemic and since people believed that the Alto Vista area was the most infected, they began to build their homes further south within the Noord area, so the town of Noord began to grow into a community till getting its own Church. However religious festivals continued to be celebrated at this sacred native place, with the custom of arriving in procession to Alto Vista.

Two-hundred years after the beautiful time of Alto Vista, people can no longer see much of the town of Alto Vista from 1750. With a lot of work they found the old foundations of the Church of the Queen of the Holiest Rosary to build a new chapel on the same place. The entire surrounding area was empty and desolated, making it hard to imagine that Alto Vista was a town at all. A hundred years later, people can see the remains of around twenty houses, some made of stone and others of clay. Nowadays, only around six of these houses remain.

South of the chapel in the yard two graves can be observed, there was the

of an old house, where Antonio and Bernardino Silvester would have lived. About 200 meters from the chapel there is a water tank which the locals call Tanki Cacique. In the past this tank was closed. But mostly water was brought out from the Poz di Noord, a well dug in the sand.

The chapel can be viewed from basically any point in the north side, even from Paradera and Sero Plat. All the historical remains around the chapel provide us with an idea on how the old people of Alto Vista used to live. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a place of historical significance with a window to Aruba's past. □



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The Asian Caribbean Impressions Menu, with its 8 courses and amuse-bouche, showcases a blend of flavors that pays tribute to the rich tapestry of local producers and farmers on the island. Each course is thoughtfully curated to celebrate the island's natural bounty



and honor those who have contributed to the culinary landscape of Aruba.

The journey begins with the Amuse-Bouches, featuring mushrooms from the local urban farm, 'Farm a Cure Fungi'. The dishes, such as the 'Mushrooms Canele' and 'Shiitake Pirouline', are a testament to the talent and creativity of the team. This delicate yet flavorful start sets the tone for the culinary adventure that lies ahead.

Infini's decor and ambiance further contribute to the overall dining experience. The restaurant's terrace overlooking Eagle Beach offers a stunning backdrop to enjoy a pre-dinner drink while soaking in the picturesque views. The intimate space, catering to a maximum of 18 guests, ensures that every diner receives personalized attention from the chefs, making them feel like VIPs at a private gathering.

Each course of the 8-course menu tells a story of its own, paying homage to local producers and their dedication to their craft. Dishes like 'Lechuga', a lettuce-based creation in collaboration with another local farm by the name of 'Aruba Happyponics', exemplify Infini's commitment to supporting the community and promoting sustainability.

The restaurant's commitment to showcasing Aruba's unique ingredients continues with 'Cocolishi', a dish featuring Norwegian scallops and ajoblanco, a Spanish gazpacho variation. The meticulous presentation and combination of flavors highlight the skillful fusion of cultures in every bite.

The dish 'Maishi y Cabaron' embraces the local essence of corn and shrimps, while 'Terrine di Porco' pays tribute to the island's talented bacon producer by the name of William Jansen. The 'Hutspot', a Dutch-inspired dish with tenderloin medallions, presents a harmonious blend of international influences.

Moving on to the desserts, 'Mango y Coco' offers a delightful pannacotta, while 'Berehein y Aloe' showcases the innovative use of eggplant and aloe vera, cultivated by farmer Lorraine of 'Petite Greens Aruba'. Each dish is a testament to the creativity, passion, and culinary excellence of the team at Infini.

Infini's excellence is evident not only in the hearts of satisfied guests but also in the numerous accolades and reviews. With five stars on platforms like TripAdvisor, Google, and OpenTable, the restaurant has earned



praise from critics and diners alike. Forbes magazine's comparison of the dining experience to a theatre further reinforces the notion that Infini is not merely a restaurant but a captivating performance of culinary artistry.

Infini stands as a culinary gem, offering an intimate and exclusive experience that tantalises the senses and touches the soul. With its Asian Caribbean Impressions Menu and the dedication to local producers, it is a testament to the island's rich flavours and traditions. A reservation at Infini promises an unforgettable evening of gastronomic delight, leaving guests with memories to savour long after the final course has been served. □



## Visit the island's popular cave sites!

(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadirikiri cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

### Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadirikiri Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadirikiri Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was



locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadirikiri cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadirikiri Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

### Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this



was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.

### The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight! □





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

## ACROSS

- 1 Puccini work
- 6 River to the Rio Grande
- 11 "— and his money ..."
- 12 Fragrance
- 13 Island off Naples
- 14 Plug part
- 15 Composer Stravinsky
- 17 Tell whoppers
- 18 Beach atmosphere
- 22 Horse strap
- 23 Quick drawing
- 27 Co-op's cousin
- 29 Find darling
- 30 Declare
- 32 Rain heavily
- 33 Rams from behind
- 35 Dict. entry
- 38 Sticky stuff
- 39 Menzel of "Frozen"
- 41 Puccini work
- 45 Sheets and such
- 46 Party prep
- 47 Slow tempo
- 48 Chaplin persona

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- 1 Tic-toe link
- 2 One — kind
- 3 Soak up
- 4 Cook's seasoning
- 5 Straighten
- 6 Cook's seasoning
- 7 Screw up
- 8 Put in the fridge
- 9 Old Atlanta arena
- 10 Cook's seasoning
- 16 Treaty org. since 1948
- 18 Killer whale
- 19 Corp. bigwigs

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU CAN POUR MELTED ICE CREAM ON REGULAR ICE CREAM. IT'S LIKE A SAUCE! — CHRIS PRATT

# Emerging economies are pushing to end the dollar's dominance

By CHINEDU ASADU, GERALD IMRAY, FARAI MUTSAKA and PAUL WISEMAN  
Associated Press

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)** — Business has vanished at Kingsley Odafe's clothing shop in Nigeria's capital, forcing him to lay off three employees.

One culprit for his troubles stands out: The U.S. dollar's strength against the Nigerian currency, the naira, has pushed the price of garments and other foreign goods beyond the reach of local consumers. A bag of imported clothes costs three times what it did two years ago. The price these days is running around 350,000 naira, or \$450.

"There are no sales anymore because people have to eat first before thinking of buying clothes," Odafe said.

Across the developing world, many countries are fed up with America's dominance of the global financial system — especially the power of the dollar. They will air their grievances next week as the BRICS bloc of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa meet with other emerging market countries in Johannesburg, South Africa.

But griping about King Dollar is easier than actually deposing the de facto world currency.

The dollar is by far the most-used currency in global business and has shrugged off past challenges to its preeminence.

Despite repeated talk of the BRICS countries rolling out their own currency, no concrete proposals have emerged in the run-up to the summit starting Tuesday. Emerging economies



Tattered \$1 U.S. bills are shown at a market in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Oct. 21, 2020.

Associated Press

have, however, discussed expanding trade in their own currencies to reduce their reliance on the buck. At a meeting of BRICS foreign ministers in June, South Africa's Naledi Pandor said the bloc's New Development Bank will seek alternatives "to the current internationally traded currencies" — a euphemism for the dollar. Pandor was sitting alongside Russia's Sergey Lavrov and China's Ma Zhaoxu — representatives of two countries that are especially eager to weaken America's international financial clout.

The BRICS grouping dates to 2009. Originally, it was just BRIC, a term coined by Goldman Sachs economist Jim O'Neill to refer to the rising economies of Brazil, Russia, India and China. South Africa joined in 2010, adding the "S" to the name. More than 20 countries — including Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela — have expressed interest in joining BRICS. In 2015, the BRICS countries launched the New Development Bank — an alternative to the U.S. and European-dominated International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

"Developing nations are itching to loosen the grip of Western dominance and open the door to a new world order where the East commands equal, if not greater, influence," said Martin Ssempe, a Ugandan political activist who has defended a law Uganda passed this year prescribing the death penalty for some homosexual acts. The legislation prompted the World Bank to announce this month that it was halting new lending to the East African country.

Critics in the developing world are especially uneasy about America's willingness to use the dollar's global influence to impose financial sanctions against adversaries — as it did to Russia after the invasion of Ukraine last year.

They also complain that fluctuations in the dollar can destabilize their economies. A rising dollar, for instance, can cause chaos abroad by drawing investment out of other countries. It also increases the cost of repaying loans denominated in dollars and buying imported products, which are often priced in dollars.

Kenyan President William Ruto has grumbled this year about Africa's dependence on the dollar and the economic fallout from its ups and downs, while the Kenyan shilling plunges in value. He's urged African leaders to join a fledgling pan-African payments system that uses local currencies in a push to encourage more trade. □

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# GM's Cruise autonomous vehicle unit agrees to cut fleet in half after 2 crashes in San Francisco



A Cruise AV, General Motor's autonomous electric Bolt EV in Detroit is displayed, Jan. 16, 2019. Associated Press

## The Associated Press

General Motors' Cruise autonomous vehicle unit has agreed to cut its fleet of San Francisco robotaxis in half as authorities investigate two recent crashes in the city. The state Department of Motor Vehicles asked for the reduction after a Cruise vehicle without a human driver collided with an unspecified emergency vehicle on Thursday. "The DMV is investigating recent concerning incidents involving Cruise vehicles in San Francisco," the DMV said Saturday in a statement to The Associated Press. "Cruise has agreed to a 50% reduction and will have no more than 50 driverless vehicles in operation during the day and 150 driverless vehicles in operation at night."

The development comes just over a week after California regulators allowed Cruise and Google spinoff Waymo to operate autonomous robotaxis throughout San Francisco at all hours, despite safety worries spurred by recurring problems with unexpected stops and other erratic behavior.

The decision Aug. 10 by the Public Utilities Commission made San Francisco the first major U.S. city with two fleets of driverless vehicles competing for passengers. On Thursday around 10 p.m., the Cruise vehicle had a green light, entered an intersection, and was hit by the emergency vehicle

responding to a call, the San Francisco Chronicle reported, based on tweets from Cruise.

The robotaxi was carrying a passenger, who was taken by ambulance to a hospital with injuries that were not severe, Cruise told the newspaper.

Also Thursday night, a Cruise car without a passenger collided with another vehicle in San Francisco, the newspaper reported. The San Francisco Fire Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the newspaper.

The robotaxi almost immediately identified the emergency response vehicle as it came into view, Greg Dietrich, Cruise's general manager in San Francisco,

said in a statement on the company website.

At the intersection, visibility is occluded by buildings, and it's not possible to see objects around a corner until they are very close to the intersection, Dietrich's statement said. The Cruise autonomous vehicle detected the siren as soon it was distinguishable from background noise, he wrote.

"The AV's ability to successfully chart the emergency vehicle's path was complicated by the fact that the emergency vehicle was in the oncoming lane of traffic, which it had moved into to bypass the red light," Dietrich wrote.

The Cruise vehicle identified the risk of a crash and braked, reducing its speed,

but couldn't avoid the collision, he wrote.

Cruise vehicles have driven more than 3 million autonomous miles in the city and have interacted with emergency vehicles more than 168,000 times in the first seven months of this year alone, the statement said. "We realize that we'll always encounter challenging situations, which is why continuous improvement is central to our work." The company will work with regulators and city departments to reduce the likelihood of a crash happening again, Dietrich wrote. The DMV said the fleet reduction will remain until its investigation ends and Cruise takes corrective action to improve safety. "The DMV reserves the right, following investigation of the facts, to suspend or revoke testing and/or deployment permits if there is determined to be an unreasonable risk to public safety."



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# Lyles wins world title at 100 meters and sets his sights on more

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BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) —

Noah Lyles calls himself the "Told you're not a 100 guy." That didn't stop him.

In fact, nobody could Sunday at the world championships in what has always been his second-best race. Now, he doesn't see anyone slowing his path to becoming the world's next great Olympic sprinter.

The 26-year-old American reeled in the field to win the 100-meter world title in 9.83 seconds — a victory that puts him in position to be the first man to complete the 100-200 double since Usain Bolt made a habit of it at Olympics and world championships from 2008-16.

Witty, outspoken, unafraid to bet on himself, Lyles might just be the guy to add some fire back to a sprint game where titles have been shuffled between men of few words and names from out of nowhere since Bolt left six years ago. The Paris Olympics are less than 12 months away.

"I've known for a long time that I've got so much more to give to this event, but I've just been giving a lot to the 200," said Lyles, who is favored to defend his title in that event on Friday. "And as people look back at this year, they're gonna be, like, 'This is the year that Noah won the 200, the 100



Noah Lyles, of the United States, celebrates after winning the gold medal in the Men's 100-meter final during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023.

Associated Press

and the four-by-one (relay). And then they'll be like, 'That is the start of a dynasty.'"

If there were doubters, though, they had the right. Though not a complete newcomer to the 100, Lyles has a thin resume at that distance. His most notable finishes: a win in a Diamond League meet four years ago and gold at the world under-20 championships in 2016. He barely qualified for worlds in the shorter race after battling with COVID in the buildup to U.S. nationals last month.

Behind the scenes, though, things have been changing. Lyles knew he needed more work on the first halves of his 200-meter races to

get better at his signature event. That's where the focus went. He said recently his coach, Lance Brauman, was getting excited about the progress and Brauman "is a guy who does not get excited at all."

"I listen to the athlete, and they tell me what they want to try to do," Brauman said. "When I got him, everybody in the world told me he needs to be a 2(00)-4(00) guy. But he wanted to be a 100-meter runner." That was Bolt's story, too. And though there will never be another Bolt, Lyles isn't afraid to dream big.

He raised eyebrows with an Instagram post earlier this summer in which he declared he wanted to run

9.65 in the 100, a time only Bolt has bettered, and 19.10 in the 200, which would shatter the Jamaican's world record of 19.19. Lyles, whose biggest competition in the 200 is expected to come from 19-year-old Erryon Knighton, currently holds the American record at 19.31.

Defending 100 champion Fred Kerley scoffed at the 9.65 goal, adding some spice to the pre-race news conference by saying if Lyles did that, he'd run faster. Lyles countered: "That's what they all say 'til they get beat."

Lyles didn't even get a chance to do the honor. Kerley got beat in the semi-final round and Lyles' clos-

est competition in the final came from Letsile Tebogo, a 20-year-old from Botswana who became the first African to win a medal in 100 at worlds.

He took silver in 9.873, .001 ahead of British national-record holder Zhanel Hughes.

"This is funny for the people, of course," said the reigning Olympic champ, Marcell Jacobs of Italy, who also was targeted in the pre-race trash talk, and also found himself out before the final. "But you have to talk when the race is finished. When the (last) race is finished, not the first."

Other winners on Day 2 in Budapest were Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei, who won his third straight worlds at 10,000; Britain's Katarina Johnson-Thompson, who won her second world heptathlon title; Serbia's Ivana Vuleta in the long jump; and Canada's Ethan Katzberg in a hammer throw that featured the host country's first medal of the meet, a bronze from Bence Halasz.

In the 100, Lyles overcame a so-so start out of Lane 6, and was running in about fourth place at the halfway mark. Everyone ahead of him was to his left, and he powered past them and through the line. His first embrace was with American teammate Christian Coleman, the 2019 champion who finished fifth. □



Coco Gauff, of the United States, kisses the Rookwood Cup as she poses for photos after defeating Karolina Muchova, of the Czech Republic, during the women's singles final of the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, in Mason, Ohio.

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MASON, Ohio (AP) — Seventh-seeded Coco Gauff became the first teenager

in more than 50 years to win the Western & Southern Open with a 6-3, 6-4 victory

## Coco Gauff, 19, earns Cincinnati women's title by beating Muchova in straight sets

over Karolina Muchova on Sunday.

Gauff, the 2022 French Open runner-up, earned her first Masters 1000 title when Muchova sailed a forehand return wide on Gauff's fourth match point. The 19-year-old American tossed her racket in the air and jumped up and down in glee after surviving a 1-hour, 56-minute match played in temperatures approaching 90 degrees.

"This is unbelievable," Gauff said during the post-match trophy presentation. "I'm

just happy to be here for this moment.

Gauff was the tournament's fourth teenage finalist and first since Vera Zvonareva in 2004. She is the first teenage champion since 17-year-old Linda Tuero in 1968.

Top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz and No. 2 Novak Djokovic played for the men's title in a rematch of Alcaraz's victory in the Wimbledon final. After a spotty first set that featured a combined five service breaks, including Gauff's double fault on one

game point, Gauff gained command over her Czech Republic opponent with a break in the eighth game. She fought off two break points in the fourth game of the second set and took control with a break in the next game when Muchova sent a backhand wide. While winning the next game, Gauff caught a break with a winner off the net that left her with her left palm on her racket and looking up at the sky as if she was praying in gratitude. □



# Keuchel has perfect game broken up in 7th as Twins beat Pirates 2-0

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**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Dallas Keuchel carried a perfect game into the seventh inning before allowing a double to Pittsburgh's Bryan Reynolds, and Edouard Julien drove in a pair of runs for the Minnesota Twins in a 2-0 win against the Pirates on Sunday.

Keuchel, the 35-year-old, soft-tossing left-hander, didn't allow a baserunner until Reynolds' drive with one out in the seventh evaded outfielder Matt Wallner and deflected off the wall for the first hit. Signed to a minor league contract in June, Keuchel (1-1) was making his third start in the majors this season.

He was pulled after allowing Reynolds's hit on his 85th pitch of the game. Griffin Jax got two strikeouts to end the seventh. Jhoan Duran struck out two in the ninth and earned his 23rd save.

"I feel like I'm very aware of everything going on," Keuchel said of knowing he had a perfect game going. "To me, that's the fun part, is going out and competing against other great athletes in the box. To do that, and corral the strike zone again today, was probably the most fun I've had in a very long time and I'd like to keep it up."

Julien plated Donovan Solano with a sacrifice fly in the fourth and then drove in Solano with a double in the sixth for Minnesota, which has won five of seven and extended its lead in the American League Central to six games over Cleveland.

"It's not by accident that he continues to find ways to get outs, and he's been doing it for over a decade," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "And he's doing it in a way that you see less of in today's game."

Pittsburgh right-hander Osvaldo Bido (2-4) gave up two runs in 3 1/3 innings after replacing opener Ryan Borucki, who threw two perfect innings to start.

The Pirates have lost eight of 12 and were being no-



Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel throws to the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, in Minneapolis.

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hit into the middle innings for the second straight day. Sonny Gray carried a perfect game into the sixth inning on Saturday before Pittsburgh rallied for a 3-1

victory. "Last night, we did a good job bouncing back and won the game against a really effective starter," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "I think we saw a

game today that Keuchel took advantage of a very liberal strike zone. When you get a veteran guy that can manipulate the ball the way he does, he did a

good job doing that."

## ENERGY SHOT

Baldelli spoke with Keuchel in the middle of the game and asked the veteran if he thought he could finish the game if the no-hitter was intact. Keuchel gave an emphatic yes, in part due to the large amounts of caffeine he had consumed.

"That might have been some of the caffeine working in my bloodstream, but at the same time, I just kind of assessed each inning and I was being truthful," Keuchel said, adding about the seventh inning: "I knew I was kind of running on fumes at that point. So it wasn't a relief, but at the same time, when I came out, I knew I gave everything I had." □



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